

Amendments to the Specification:

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please replace the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 1, line 17, which starts with “Once the redundant data has been stripped from the page” with:

Once the redundant data has been stripped from the page, the text content of the web page can be classified using known indexing techniques. The indexed web pages can then be evaluated by existing web search engines such as the GOOGLE, MSN or YAHOO search engines~~Google, MSN or Yahoo~~. The Lin et al article discards as irrelevant portions of the web pages deemed to have redundant data, but does not change the indexing or evaluation of text pages found to have meaningful information.

Please replace the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 3, line 2, which starts with “Figure 2 depicts a representative system 1” with:

Figure 2 depicts a representative system 1 for evaluating documents and returning results based on a request for information from a user. The system includes a preprocessor that is implemented on a back end server 5 having data storage for receiving a document 3 from one of a plurality of document sources 4. The back end server 5 evaluates the document for subsequent publication. FIG. 1 depicts the architecture of a representative computer that could be used to implement the back end server. Although the invention is not limited to evaluation of text documents, in one exemplary embodiment, the received document contains text in an ‘XML’ format. News documents, for example, are prepared by the ASSOCIATED PRESS, REUTERS, the NEW YORK TIMES or CNN news sources~~Associated Press, Reuters, the New York Times, CNN etc~~ (representative sources 4) and made available to the system 1 on a periodic basis as new breaks around the world.

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